



Marine Licensing Variation Decision

The Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)

Applicant: For the Love of the Sea Limited

Variation application reference no: DEML2013v1

Car-Y-Mor trial restorative ocean farms in Ramsey
Sound producing seaweed and shellfish

13 May 2025

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OUR DECISION

Based on all the information available, and having regard to all relevant considerations NRW has decided to grant the variation to the Existing Marine Licence sought by the Variation Application.

This decision document:

- explains how relevant considerations have been taken into account and how each of the legal requirements have been considered in determining the Variation Application;
- provides a record of the decision-making process; and
- sets out the reasons for any conditions imposed in connection with any marine licence granted pursuant to the Variation Application.

1 APPLICATION DETAILS

1.1 The Variation Application

Applicant name and address	The Applicant is the company set out below: Company name: For the Love of the Sea Limited Company number: RS008172 Address: Car-Y-Mor, Ffynnon Bach, Grosmont, Abergavenny, NP7 8EP
Variation Application reference number	DEML2013v1
Existing Marine Licence reference number	DEML2013
Date Variation Application was duly made	22 April 2025
Description of variation	Extend the expiry date of the licence by 1 year, from 31 July 2025 to 31 July 2026.
Proposal[s] covered by the Variation Application	Car-Y-Mor trial restorative ocean farms in Ramsey Sound producing seaweed and shellfish (the Project)
Licensable marine activities	Deposition of plastic buoys and ropes Removal of harvested and plastic material (the Proposed Activities)
Marine Plan area	Welsh inshore region and Welsh offshore region
Variation Application documents:	DEML2013v1 - Application Form 02.04.25

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2 VARIATION APPLICATION PROCEDURE

2.1 The Variation Application

The Variation Application was accepted by Natural Resources Wales (**NRW**) considered duly made on 22 April 2025. This means we considered it was in the correct form and contained sufficient information for us to begin our determination, but not that it necessarily contained all the information we needed to complete that determination, and the documents considered may therefore include documents provided after the Variation Application was first made.

The application requested to extend the expiry date of the licence by 1 year, from 31 July 2025 to 31 July 2026. In addition, the applicant requested a change to the description of Licence Activity 1 of the marine licence. The change was to include the following within the licence description:

At each of Carn Ar Wig & Porthlysgi:

- 2 x 100m suspended longlines (headlines)
- 1 x ship anchor at each end of the headlines, attached to end buoys via ground chain and risers
- Headlines will be attached via the risers below the end buoys
- 30 x mussel floats per site split between each line

NRW were unable to make the changes to the description of Marine Licence Activity 1 as the infrastructure had not been included and assessed as part of the original application and the infrastructure was already in situ. NRW are unable to retrospectively determine a marine licence for infrastructure that has already been deposited. Following further discussion with the applicant they also withdrew their request to increase the mussels floats from 20 to 30.. Therefore, the only changes being considered as part of this variation application is the extension of the expiry date of the licence by 1 year.

2.2 Documents considered

In reaching its decision, NRW has considered the documents listed in section 1 of this decision document along with such other information provided by the Applicant or received during any consultation, that NRW considered relevant.

2.3 Commercial Confidentiality

The Applicant made no claim that any information forming part of the Variation Application was subject to commercial confidentiality and we have not received any information in relation to the Variation Application that appears to be commercially confidential.

2.4 Publicity and advertising

The application sought to extend the licence end date by 12 months, the licenced activity remains the same as within the existing consent therefore, no notice was given to Local Authorities and no Public Notice was advertised for this Marine Licence variation.

2.5 Environmental impact Assessment

Council Directive 2011/92/EU (as amended) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment aims to protect the environment and the quality of life by ensuring that projects which are likely to have significant environmental effects by virtue of their nature, size or location are subject to an environmental impact assessment (EIA) before permission is granted.

The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 ("the Regulations") transpose the EIA Directive in Wales and England for marine licence applications.

Having considered the Variation Application NRW has determined that it does not constitute a development requiring EIA under the Regulations.

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3 CONSULTATION

3.1 Consultees

As there are no changes to the licensed activities no additional impacts are expected above that which were considering during the determination of DEML2013, NRW did not consider it appropriate to reconsult on this occasion.

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4 Conclusions and Recommendations

Based on all the information available, NRW's decision is to grant the variation to the Existing Marine Licence sought by the Variation Application. DEML2013v1 is a change to extend the expiry date of the licence by 12 months. There are no changes to the licensable activities and no additional impacts are expected above that which were considered during the determination of DEML2013 and as such we refer the decision document for DEML2013 regarding the relevant legal framework and how each of the legal requirements have been considered. The decision document can be found here Public register - Customer Portal (naturalresources.wales) by searching for DEML2013.

AUTHORISATION

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The marine licence has been varied to extend the expiry date by 1 year, from 31 July 2025 to 31 July 2026.

The contact details for Welsh Government Marine Enforcement Officers have been updated from wfmccmpc@gov.wales to MarineLicencingEnforcement@gov.wales